DATE: June 5, 1967

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation Conducted Dallas & Houston, Texas from May 18, 1967 to date:

FROM: Wm. C. Boxley

1. Source: (Paul Rothermel, security chief, H. L. Hunt Oil Co., 29th Floor, First National Bank Building, Dallas, Tex.)

Source is a former Federal Bureau of Investigation agent with apparently excellent personal contacts within the Dallas office of the FBI and the Dallas Police Department. In addition to this, he obviously runs a far-flung business intelligence system for his employer, H. L. Hunt, to whom he reports directly. Undersigned has had approximately a dozen contacts with source beginning in the spring of 1966 on other investigative matters and a cordial and cooperative atmosphere has marked all such meetings.

On May 21 source was re-contacted and purposes of the current investigation were reviewed. Source expressed willingness to cooperate beyond that he previously had extended on other matters.

He was shown a Zerox copy of CLAY SHAW's notebook (but showed no desire to obtain a copy for himself). He immediately recognized the name of LADY MARGARET D'ARCY, 109 Earl's Court Road, London W8 and stated "Here's one; her husband uses a different name from this, and is in prison now in England for sedition.".

"Communist?" he was asked.

"No, just the opposite," Rothermel replied. He requested a file from his secretary, and verified the imprisoned husband's name as "JOHN de COURCY," editor of The Intelligence Digest, printed in Cheltenham,

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[illegible], and more recently, editor of "The Weekly Review," printed and copyrighted by Ringrone Newspapers Ltd., Cheltenham, Glos., England, and edited, source states, from prison. Source obtained from his secretary [illegible] two copies of the material described and gave them to the undersigned--copies are hereto attached.

Source evidenced no further recognition of names in the notebook but accepted a list of four Dallas names and addresses in the book for future checking through files of his police contacts, presumably vice squad.

Source invited undersigned to lunch at the Engineers' Club in Dallas, where general aspects of the assassination were discussed. During lunch, undersigned alluded parenthetically to the death of GUY BANNISTER, and source demonstrated great surprice and apparent disbelief initially that BANNISTER was deceased. This was the most profound reaction of source during all the contacts undersigned has had with him.

At this luncheon, source volunteered this statement:

"Well, one thing, I know for sure--but if you repeat me, I'll deny saying it: Jack Ruby was a paid informant of the FBI. Oswald may or may not have been--or for the CIA--but I know that Ruby was an FBI source."

Source also stated that he had enjoyed a long-term and close relationship (personally) with Jack Revill, former chief of the Dallas PD criminal intelligence section, and that he (source) also had known James Hosty, the FBI agent, though not nearly so long nor so intimately has he had known Revill.

"When you drink and play poker with a man week in and week out for years, you know in your own mind what he will and won't do," source mused. "And, I'll tell you one thing: Jack Revill won't lie about a thing: if he says Hosty told him Lee Oswald was a communist, then that's exactly what Hosty told him, and Hosty...Hosty just doesn't remember it, that's all."

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The foregoing remark also was unsolicited from source, and it appeared to have occurred to him from the trend of the conversation, which was then centering on why federal agencies would cover evidence in the assassination even though they had had no part in its planning or performance.

"Well, when you have a CIA agent shooting the president, and an FBI informant shooting the assassin, they have to cover," source declared. "If it ever came out, that would be the end of both of them so far as Congress was concerned."

And then source added his comment upon the relative reliability of Revill and Hosty. As best as undersigned can determine, source referred to the conflict between those two as detaild on Pages 67 to 70 of "The Unanswered Questions About President Kennedy's Assassination." by Sylvan Fox, in which Hosty denied telling Revill in the police building basement shortly after Oswald's arrest: "Jack, a Communist killed Presidnt Kennedy; he is in our Communist files; we knew he was here in Dallas," (see p. 69 supra).

Late in the fourth hour of this contact with source, undersigned broached the subject of needed financing for the investigation. Source stated he doubted H. L. Hunt would be a profitable source of funds, because of the latter's preoccupation with constitutional ammendment programs bearing on the electoral college at the moment, but he added that he knew "another man" who had said "It is absolutely essential that Garrison succeed in this investigation; it is vital that the people learn the truth about this." Source stated he would contact this un-named party.

Further conversation included:

a. Joe Grinnan, a prime mover in the placement of the anti-Kennedy ad in The Dallas Morning News on the day of the assassination, still offices

in the Fidelity Union Building in Dallas, and has a brother who is as far left as Joe Grinnan is far-right—Bob Grinnan;

b. Michael Paine went to the West Coast after the assassination and came back with $5,000 which he used to purchase a new house, stating it had been obtained from his father; source says Paine's father is Lyman Paine, a Unitarian minister, who is widely known for his leftist beliefs, and indicates the father was not the real source of the money.

c. Source suggested —for the second time during the day--that the undersigned talk with Lt. George Butler of the Dallas police department, but source let a suggestion from undersigned that an introduction to Jack Revill be arranged pass unanswered.

During the latter part of this conference, source took a call from H. L. Hunt, who was in Washington preparing for an appearance on the Today television program, and at one point during their conversation, source said: "....well, Mr. Hunt, there is a man right there in Washington, who could help out on that....yes, sir...it's COLONEL CASTOR, he's an advisor to the president of the National Federation of Independent Businessmen. He used to be here in Dallas, and he's in Washington now. And, incidentally, I happen to know that he is a great admirer of yours."

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Subsequent meetings during the next three days with source produced these results:

a. Source of funds for continuing the investigation was "interested" but unable to give the matter immediate attention necessary to reaching an answer either way.

b. None of the names in RUTH PAINE'S notebook as introduced in the Warren Commission Report were contained in source's Lesbian files for Dallas.

c. Of the names in Shaw's notebook, only TOM COX, formerly of 3131 Dutton Drive, appeared to have a homosexual background--primarly based upon source's statement that Cox once worked for GLENN OF HOLLYWOOD, which source described as a known nest of homosexuals. (See additional report on Cox following).

d. Source suggested extensive investigation be made into the death of a former investigator for District Attorney Henry Wade--a man named CLARENCE OLIVER, who had worked on the assassination case for Wade, and who died suddenly though appearantly in excellant health, "about a year ago."

e. At the mention of Ruby's Mafia connections, source stated "Then, if there's any Mafia in this thing, you should go into the death of a very close associate of Jimmy Hoffa--Sidney Zagri--in the resturant fire at Montgomery, Ala. Source then supplied undersigned with a copy of The Washington Observer"--a newsletter dated Number 37---April 15, 1967, but with no identifying address or publisher's reference. (Undersigned strongly suspects this letter is published by source under auspicies of H. L. Hunt, or that surce is close to the publisher, who is a Hunt man in Washington). The article refers to the oddity that Zagri and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pepper long-time leaders in Young Democrats' activities in Alabama, were identified almost immediately as victims of the Penthouse Resturant fire, hours before even firemen knew positively that there had been victims, and to a second coincidence concerning Hoffa and Alabama--THAT EDWARD GRADY PARTIN of Baton Rouge, La., a witness against Hoffa, was under indictment for death by automobile in Alabama, but the indictment never was prosecuted.

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f. Source followed up this information with another copy of THE WASHINGTON OBSERVER, No. 39 dated May 15, 1967, which contains a lead article entitld "Murder in the CIA" and calls for a federal grand jury investigation of the deaths of three CIA agents who allegedly had discovered and reported to their superior the existence of a Soviet spy ring within the CIA. Source backed up this newsletter with a part of a personal letter to himself dated Oct. 11, 1966, which he sterilized by deleting the name of the prime subject, although in one place a reference suggests such name may have been in part SENTA. The letter describes the deaths of a JOSEPHINE BERKOVIC, employed by CIA's Yugoslav Section, who leaped or was pushed from the roof of her apartment at 2400 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C. in 1964; of IVAN LARIK, former chief of the CIA's Bulgarian Section, found in 1964 with his throat slashed in MADRID, Spain; and of STEPHAN GIDALY, former chief of the Hungarian Section, who died in 1956-57, immediately following discovery of the Communist Cell in CIA, of a heart attack.

g. Source supplied the enclosed employment application and subsequent 1964 informant's notation on DEGLAN P. (KATYA) FORD, one of the couples with whom MARINA OSWALD resided briefly upon the OSWALD's arrival in Dallas. He agreed quite strongly that GEORGE deMORENSCHILDT quite probably was an agent, and said that MRS. JEANNE de MORHENSCHILDT was considered in Dallas to be a Communist agent, almost "certainly." Source apparently was unaware, however, that WARREN COMMISSION testimony had identified DeMOHRENSCHILDT as an employee of French Intelligence in the U.S. during World War II.

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h. It has been common knowledge in Dallas for years, source states, that the Russian emigre group to which Oswald and Marina were introduced immediately upon their arrival in Texas, is composed of about "one half Russian penetration agents and one-half FBI provacateurs."

i. RAIGORODSKY, the patron of the Greek Orthodox Churches as he describes himself in the Warren Commission Report, has been gambling and losing heavily of late in a more or less permanent poker game in the Petroleum Club, Dallas, with losses running into "the thousands."

Source adds that after publication of the WARREN REPORT, in which RAIGORODSKY was somewhat less than complimentary to DE MOHRENSCHILDT, the two were seen in frequent serious and friendly conversations around the Petroleum club.

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2. DALLAS SUBJECTS IN CLAY SHAW'S NOTEBOOK:

A. HERMAN BOCKELMANN
224 S. Hampton
Dallas, Tex.
WH 2-8258

This address for more than ten years has been the residence of MR. AND MRS. WERNER WILMSEN, and they have had the WH 2-8258 telephone listing since 1958.

Bockelmann was divorced uncontested by his wife, BARBARA, in Dal. Dist. Ct. # 67-1971 DR-8 filed March 8, 1967. They have one child: INGRID JOHANNA BOCKELMANN, having been married Jan. 30, 1965 in Dallas County. MRS. BOCKELMANN'S attorney was FRANK S. WRIGHT, 706 Main Street, Suite 400, Tel. RI 7-1108. At the time of the filing, service was obtained at 4141 Newton, Apt. 105.

Mrs. BOCKELMANN was extremely shaken by the undersigned's visit, and after a few preliminary remarks, asked to telephone "a friend" who turned out to be the attorney, Wright, and he arrived shortly to sit in on the interview. He is the same attorney who appeared in New Orleans with CUMMINGS, the cab driver, and explained "the coincidence" by his having known Mrs. Bockelmann personally, she being an attorney's secretary, etc.

Mrs. Bockelmann explained her earlier nervousness as a belief that I was there regarding a "motor scooter accident" her husband had been in near Shreveport, La., in 1966, but she never did recover her composure.

She identified the WILMSEN's as friends of her ex-husband's mother in "Bremman, Germny" who had "sponsored" his emigration to the U.S. in 1960, and described them as HER FRIENDS ALSO, although in a subsequent telephone conversation, Mrs. Wilmsen stated (believably) she never had met young BOCKELMANN's wife, Barbara.

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BARBARA BOCKELMANN said her husband had been an equipment salesman, that he was in military service from late 1961 or early 1962 for two years, and was stationed back in his native Germany, where he was coach of an army soccer team. She recalls that he was an avid reader, but couldn't remember any periodicals; that he was interested primarily in psychology and philosophy, but couldn't recall authors or titles; pressed, she remembered he dwelt at length upon a book about the Third Reich, had commented favorably upon a PLAYBOY interview with Lincoln Rockwell, and was vice president of the Dallas GERMAN-AMERICAN CLUB, and a member of a TOASTMASTER'S CLUB in Dallas. She also said he was an admirer of the Nazi SS intelligence operations.

She recalled that he had obtained a post office box, but didn't know where, about the time he was elected vice president of the GERMAN AMERICAN club; that he had lived "about" in the 2000 Block of Avondale and the 4200 Block of Wycliff prior to their marriage. (Coincidentally: the ST. SERAPHIM'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, where MARINA'S first child was baptised, and where RAIGORODSKY is a founder but not avid supporter of same, is located exactly between these two addresses, about 1 and 1/2 blocks away from each).

Mrs. BOCKELMANN stated her ex-husband never had been in New Orleans to her knowledge, and she disclaimed ever having heard of CLAY SHAW OR CLEM OR CLAY BERTRAND. She said she had detected no homosexual inclinations on the part of her husband, but at Wright's prodding, she recalled a "very effeminate" former friend of his, whose name she barely could remember as "Bill Fogelsong"--now living, she said, in New York. (No trace of Fogelsong could be found in Dallas directories, but, oddly, a next-door-neighbor to an address where a possible entrant in SHAW'S book moved, is named "Vogelsang." (See portion dealing with RUTH SULLIVAN entry).

Mrs. BOCKELMANN recalled that her husband's first job in Dallas had been as a mail clerk with Petro-Fina Chemicals, and that he had become "A camera bug" in 1966, shooting pictures of everything he could snap.

As "Paul Brock of Fidelity Evaluation Company, checking on a BOCKELMANN job application, undersigned telephoned MRS. WERNER WILMSEN, whose husband is a cotton broker in the Cotton Exchange Bldg., Room 303 at 608 N. St. Paul St., Dallas(and has NOT been contacted as yet).

Mrs. WILMSEN spoke reprovingly of HERMAN O. WILHEIM BOCKELMANN, even though she and her husband had sponsored his entry into this country at the request of young Bockelmann's mother, whom Mrs. Wilmsen had known in Hanover (Not Bremhan) Germany. Mrs. Wilmsen stated she had not seen the young man (he is now about 27) in several years; that he had lived at her address in 1960 and 1961 at 224 S. Hampton, had left owing them money, and that she considered him "not very reliable." She added she never had met Mrs. HOW Bockelmann (Barbara) although the latter states Mrs. Wilmsen is a close friend of hers as well as her ex-husband's.

Mrs. WILMSEN said that Bockelmann worked for Fina and for SQUIRE HASKINS AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, that he moved from her house to live with friends but that she does not know the names of them. In describing his entry into the U.S., she volunteered that he came by boat, and when I mentioned his docking in New YORK, she corrected me that it was NEW ORLEANS, but that he had been there only the night of docking and had caught a plane to Dallas the next day. This would indicate--if BARBARA BOCKELMANN is telling the truth--that H.O.W. Bockelmann, as a young emigre of 20 or 21 arrived in New Orleans one night, managed to get into Clay Shaw's notebook that night or the next day, since the use of the 224 S. Hampton address and telephone number WH2-8258 dates the entry during the time he lived there, which was less than two years to 1961. MRS. WILMSEN states he entered the Army some months after leaving her house.

In the practice of intelligence personnel, this looks very much as if SHAW performed the function of a Reception Agent to Bockelmann's straight arrival in New Orleans, and that Bockelmann came under the tutelage of another handling agent in Dallas, who was training him in photography (note similarity to TOM COX file, following).

Attorney Frank Wright adroitly suggests that future questions of Mrs. Barbara Bockelmann, if any, be referred to him, but professes great desire to assist the investigation, including revelation to us of the name of a court reporter--whom Wright describes as a reliable witness, "not like that Cummings"--who, Wright says, can place the defendant SHAW within 100 yards of the assassination scene.....

Mrs. BARBARA BOCKELMANN states that her husband left Dallas after their divorce, and obtained a job with a company in RICHMOND, VA., which she declines to name because "it does business with Gray Electric here in Dallas, where he used to work." She states his address in Richmond, Va., is 2000 Riverside Drive. Works for Sunbeam Electric?

3. TCH COX 214--FE 7-1687
3909 Simpson St.
Apt. 5, Dallas, Tex.
(Family 3931 Dutton Dr.)
4017-C Rawlings
Dallas, Tex. 75219

This subject is THOMAS MARION COX, born Aug. 26, 1943 at Ennis, Texas, referred on Apr. 10, 1962 by Dell Employment Service to DRESSER INDUSTRIES, Dallas, where Mr. PLEVAK, assistant Industrial Relations director, was very willing to help, and opened the former employee's files to us.

On his application, young Cox noted that he spoke Russian and English, Russian proficiency "a little" for speaking, and "good" for reading. He writes that from 12/61 to 2/62 he was a mail clerk on The Dallas News under "Red" Wilson; from 6/57 to 7/59 an employee of Bourland Florist, 403 Dallas Avenue, Ennis, Texas, Mrs. Pauline Bourland and worked at Tom's Photo Service, 1046 Highland Drive, Grand Prairie. He worked at Dresser's main offices in the Republic National Bank Building, Dallas, from 4/13/62 to 2/13/64. (Note: George De Mohrenschildt officed in 1939-40, Republic National Bank Bldg. during this time). Cox was a mail clerk for Dresser Industries. A former supervisor, MARY CATHERINE LEWIS, now of the Poe -Broad Travel Agency in the 1st National Bank Bldg., recalls he was a wraithlike, emaciated youngster, who suffered fainting spells from a calcium deficiency, and impressed everyone in the office with his ~~[illegible]~~ addiction to asecret religion, which they assume to be Rosecrucian, but are unsure. They recall he went to a religious convention in the San Francisco area during his vacation of 1963, but Dresser records do not indicate when he took the vacation.

Mrs. LEWIS remembers he practiced magic, and had printed cards describing himself as "The Great Tomario," and that he gave two or three performances for groups toher own knowledge.

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[illegible], COX noted that he belonged to: The Wandering Magicians' [illegible] Garden Center and The Accredited Press of N. Y."

[illegible] one occassion, MRS. LEWIS remembers, COX minced into the office [illegible] lunch hour with a shopping bag from La Mode Women's Readyto-Wear store, [illegible] her he had bought a costume foe a "masquerade ball" then opened the [illegible] and showed her a complete female outfit consisting of girdle and bra, [illegible] heeled shoes, dress, etc. (She also recalls that he attended the Mardi [illegible] in New Orleans in 1964 while on sick leave from his company)(he may be in our group picture reportedly bonded out by CLAY SHAW, although the tenure of addresses would indicate SHAW had known him for some while prior to 1964.).

MRS. LEWIS states she learned COX once attacked a visitor to his apartment with a broken bottle for making remarks ascribing homosexuality to his (HE Cox's) room mate. This occurred, she believes at the Southern Oaks Apartments, 3302 Southern Oaks, in Oak Cliff, although there is no record of Cox ever having lived there.

She remembers that he was very close to a negro employee, named "Albert" who served coffee at Dresser and works nights as a waiter at The Rib Resturant, Dallas. Albert now is employed during daylight hours with Blue Cross Insurance. He has not been contacted at this point. It is noteworthy, however, that COX supposedly was involved in a one car accident near Ennis, in which he was found lying outside the car off the road near a group of trees, injured, unconscious, and brought to a Dallas hospital. The person who found him thus was Albert, who just happened tobe driving by the scene about dawn that morning.

There is no record in directories of Cox having lived at the addresses appearing with his name in Shaw's notebook, except that his mother and father do live at 3931 Dutton Drive in far-out Oak Cliff.

[illegible], it is interesting to note that the 4017-C Rawlings address [illegible] doors removed on the same side of the street from the house [illegible] Rawlings where JACK RUBY'S sister Eva Grant kept her apartment, and [illegible] Ruby listed in city directories as HIS address, and which witnesses say he visited frequently, sometimes for a week or two at a time.

There are two other noteworthy items in connection with TOM COX's addresses:

(1) No city directory listing can be found for his "3909 Simpson" address found in Shaw's notebook, but: the 1963 Criss Cross, which would have been published in June, 1963, shows a LARRIE SCHMIDT & BARBARA SCHMIDT at [illegible]35 Simpson. LARRIE SCHMIDT is one of the prime movers along with JOE GRINNAN & BERNARD WEISSMAN in the placement of the anti-Kennedy ad in the Dallas Morning News on Nov. 22, 1963. In Weissman's testimony before the commission (extracted by Penn Jones, Jr. in his "Forgive My Grief,") LARRIE SCHMIDT (an unusual spelling of Larry) is mentioned by Weissman as having a far right field older brother, whom Weissman considered a nut and a drunk. JENNER for the Commission states "This man's name, by any chance, was not VOLKMAR?" (Penn Jones, P. 124) Weissman previously had testified he never knew the older brother's given name, but that he was about 29 years of age, and he claimed the name "Volkmar" rang no bells with him. But, Jenner had obviously heard the name before, inasmuch as he inquired about it specifically. DR. VOLKMAR SCHMIDT was one of Everett Glover's two room mates at the time GLOVER very mysteriously gave the party to which MARINA & OSWALD were invited, and where, while a female Japanese guest kept LEE OSWALD occupied all evening, MARINA met and became entranced with RUTH PAINE. Glover was a senior research technician for Mobil Oil Co., as were his temporary room-mates, VOLKMAR SCHMIDT

[illegible] L. PIERCE. During 1943, they shared a dwelling at 4449 Potomac. [illegible] they scattered immediately before or after the assassination--[illegible] the 1964 City Directory, which is compiled in the fall and winter [illegible] preceeding year, and issued in May of its dated year, lists them at three different addresses. The 1963 City directory shows them at different addresses from the criss-cross listing of that year, indicating that they moved together--then separated.

(2) In 1962 City Directory, JACK RUBY is listed at 3929 Rawlings, Apt. I; later Eva Grant(his sister) shows in the apartment. There is neither Ruby nor Eva showing there in the 1963 Criss Cross--but a HANS SCHMIDT lists in the apartment house for that period, along with a T. N. WAMBERLY both with the same telephone listing of LA 1-3207.

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A visit to the home of the parents of TOM COX was unrewarding: a woman who described herself as his "aunt" said that he lived elsewhere, and she didn't know the address; that he drives a red compact automobile and comes by the 3931 Dutton Drive address spasmodically for mail. And an earlier telephone call to the residence elicited very much the same attitude from his mother. Both women--unless they're actually one and the same--are obviously covering for Cox's hiding but. The aunt states she thinks he works "out in town for a photographer."

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C. JAMES WETHERBEE
P. O. Box 1701
Dallas 21, Texas

WETHERBEE is variously listed in city directories as JAMES WETHERBEE, JR., 5722 Bryn Mawr Ave., and JAMES R. WETHERBEE, RD BOX 1701.

He was born in 1925, served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946, in 1956 came to Dallas from Midland, Texas, and previously had lived in Wichita Falls. He was born in Electra, Texas. He was single in 1963, earning $800 per month as an attorney for Lone Star Gas Company. No law suits or arrests.

The company's offices are the 14th floor of the Fidelity Union Tower building in Dallas. A. S. Grenier is the general attorney for the firm.

In 1962-63, Wetherbee lived at 5650 Gaston ave. in Dallas, but by publication of the 1963 Criss Cross, either he had moved or had no telephone listing. He does not appear in Source's homosexual files.

No further investigation has been conducted as of this report.

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D. RUTH SULLIVAN
3221 Amherst
Dallas, Tex.
Coliseum
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Unable to locate a party of this name. Prior to 1963 the house was registered to Frances M. Richardson, office secretary to B. Clyde Halley, from 1958-1962; Halley is listed as a physician. The Amherst property shows vacant in 1963 and 1964. There is no telephone listing there in the 1963 Criss Cross. In 1963, Mrs. Richardson moved to 3554 Granada, where she opened a real estate business. Next door is a Mrs. Vogelsang (note similarity to MRS. BARBARA BOCKELMANN'S recollection of 'Bill Foglesong', ex-husband's queer-appearing close friend).

No further investigation into this avenue as of this report.

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subjects in CLAY SHAW'S notebook.

CLAY ATKINS
4140 Ruskin st.

The 1966 Houston telephone directory lists this party as W.C. ATKINS at 4140 Ruskin st., telephone MO 5-8281. He is shown in the 1966 Houston City directory as a resident of the West University Park area, but no occupation listing is shown. In 1963, 1964 and 1965, the Ruskin address is occupied by a FRED L. TRUBE--a photographer at the Rosamond Photo Shop, and no W. C. or Clay ATKINS appears in the directories elsewhere.

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HARRY CORTES
c/o HEITMAN BERING CORTES CO.
1417 Kress St.
Houston, Texas.

A telephone call to the company--WA 8-3101--reveals that this party was H. W. CORTES, who died "three years ago of cancer". At that time, H. W. Cortes (Harry) lived at 2417 Rosamond. An Earl E. Cortes also was employed at the company, lived at 2221 Pelham, and departed the company's service in 1960. No further investigation at this point into the late Harry CORTES, but this hand-written entry into the book would have been prior to his death in 1964.

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EASTON LANA
1907 Bernard #4
Houston, Texas

Unable to locate this party until an associate in Houston (Don C. Goodwin, MI5-2877) formerly of the Houston Tribune staff, took me to a homosexual Negro informant of his, to whom I read the Houston names. None "turned him on" except "Lana."

[illegible] should be LALA," he said. "He was a window dresser for [illegible] store, but he left Houston for New Orleans about two [illegible] Next day, a telephone preliminary check with personnel department [illegible], indicated the informant had been correct. Their window dresser [illegible] LALA ~~[illegible]~~ departed their employment 2/23/67. Informant [illegible] LALA did once live in an apartment off Red Bluff Rd in the [illegible] section of Houston, which matches the 1967 address. Suggest further [illegible]. SHAW has crossed out the name in his notebook.

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Another crossed-out name in SHAW'S notebook is that of

ED SMITH
10602 Twelve Oak Drive
Houston.

This listing checks in both the 1965 and 1966 City Directories to an EDMUND L. SMITH (wife Sally) District Manager of Combustion Engineering Co. No further investigation.

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MRS. W. R. TRELFORD
808 HAWTHORNE ST.
Houston,

An unannounced visit to Mrs. Trelford at 3 p.m. on May 31 disclosed :

She is a woman in her late sixties or early seventies. When I spread a group of pictures in front of her and asked if she knew any of them, she eleminated all except CLAY SHAW and stated she knew him as CLAY SHAW, and had met him in 1950.

She described the nature of her acquaintance with him as that of purchaser of a housing unit from him at 505 Dauphine St., New Orleans. Further conversation developed that she sees him at least three or four times a year or more for dinner. She described WHEP MORRISON as a cousin of a friend, a MRS. BLACKSHEAR.

[illegible] stated that she was introduced to Mr. SHAW by the son of [illegible] in the firm of HARRIS, IRBY & BOST--a Mr. Wayne Harris, who [illegible] married an English girl; Wayne Harris then died, and the English girl [illegible] to England and re-married. She designates the afore-mentioned [illegible] BLACKSHEAR as the wife of S.M. BLACKSHEAR of 1623 Bourbon street.

MRS. TREILFORD volunteered her inability to believe that "a man so fine as CLAY SHAW could have 'done anything' and was reassurred that even though he was under indictment, this office was just as interested in anything which might prove his innocence as his guilt. She stated she could offer nothing of either variety.

During our conversation, which lasted for approximately 15 minutes, we were interrupted once by a very effeminate-speaking individual who opened the parlor screen door to announce that "we will have to finish up tomorrow." This suggested the question whether she was acquainted with MR. STEVE TANNER, or his firm two blocks away at 524 Westheimer. She firmly denied knowing either TANNER or the firm. My immediate and strong impression was that she was lying. The furnishings of her home alone indicated she would know a dealer of TANNER's stock caliber only two blocks away on a main thoroughfare she must travel frequently--not to mention the apparent characterization of the man who had interrupted the interview.

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STEVE TANNER
5110 Willowbend Blvd.
Houston PA 3-2550

Since 1960 there has been no STEVE TANNER listed at this address. However, in 1964 and 1965, the city directories indicate the residence was occupied by a GEORGE A. KNAGGS, the registrar at St. Thomas Univerisity (Cathol-

[illegible] for a STEVEN TANNER advertising, 239 Emerson Ave. [illegible] City Directory. But, in the 1966 Directory, there [illegible] TANNER ANTIQUES AND UNIQUES Co. at 524 Westheimer, with [illegible] K. P. TANNER and GEORGE A. KNAGGS shown as ownership. [illegible], MORRIS V. BOGDANOW of 1103 Scanlon Bldg., Houston, occupies [illegible] Willowbend Blvd. residence in the 1965 and 1966 city directories., [illegible] indicating that this handwritten entry in SHAW'S notebook is at least [illegible] years old.

Of more than passing noteworthiness here is the treatment accorded [illegible] by DISTRICT ATTORNEY VANCE's office. VANCE was cordial but hurried, and assigned me his Special Assignments Investigator, John Fox, to assist in checking out these names. A list of six names were supplied Fox at 11:30 a.m. and by 1:15 p.m. or earlier, he had returned to his office stating that he had run all six through both Sheriff's Department and City Police Files and no record existed on any of them, in addition to having had lunch.

By 2:30 p.m., STEVE TANNER'S ANTIQUES AND UNIQUES had a "Closed" card in the window. Next day, June 1, an anemic young man named DALE WILLIAMS had opened the shop for Tanner, stating that Tanner had departed suddenly at mid-afternoon on the day before for New Orleans and had been unable to find anyone to tend the store for him until he--WILLIAMS--became available the next day. He did not know Mr. Tanner's whereabouts in New Orleans.